

Good afternoon,

As many of you are keenly aware, we are in the middle of week two of our 14-day shelter in place protocol at the vast majority of our residential programs. A big “thank you” goes out to the staff that are participating, as well as a “thank you” just a big to many of our staff that for personal or family reasons were unable to play a role in the first round. This note is to inform everyone that the shelter in place protocol will continue for another 14-day period immediately following the first one. I understand that, for most of our programs, many staff are willing to extend stays at the homes they’re presently working in. And for other locations, staff have been identified to replace those currently working. We are deeply grateful for everyone’s efforts in bringing about the successful execution of our shelter in place plan. I firmly believe that by implementing the plan as early as we did, people’s health, safety and wellbeing were preserved.

While all of this is being done, some of our day program and family support staff have been busy shopping and making deliveries. Finance staff are making sure that the bills are being paid and personal finances remain in order. HR is helping furloughed employees understand unemployment and their accrued benefits. QA staff are working in several capacities to insure that each person remains well. Our facilities crew is out and about putting out fires and helping insure everyone’s safely. Program Directors and APD’s continue to monitor developments, coordinate efforts and bolster communications. In other words, everyone is contributing toward getting us through this crisis... and we **\*will\*** get through it. I have received a number of messages from members of The Arc’s Board of Directors expressing their appreciation for all of your hard work and each has remarked on what an amazing group of people you are!

As a reminder, social distancing wherever possible, frequent hand-washing, temperature checks... all of these precautions continue to be terribly important. Please remain vigilant at all times and thank you again for everything you’re doing!

Warm regards,

Jeff

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